

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate containing a dissolved acidic gas (excluding hydrogen chloride) and having a hydrolyzable chlorine content of not more than 30 ppm based on the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate.

2. (currently amended): A (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate containing an acidic gas (excluding hydrogen chloride) forcedly dissolved in the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate in an amount sufficient for stabilizing the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate, wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate has a hydrolyzable chlorine content of not more than 30 ppm based on the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate.

3. (original): The (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 1 or 2 in which the acidic gas is dissolved in an amount of not less than 20 ppm based on the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate.

4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): The (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim-4 1 or 2 which is prepared by using phosgene.

6. (previously presented): The (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the acidic gas is carbon dioxide.

7. (previously presented): The (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is (meth)acryloyloxyethyl isocyanate.

8. (withdrawn-currently amended): A process for stabilizing a (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate, which process comprises forcedly dissolving an acidic gas (excluding hydrogen chloride) in the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate to stabilize the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate and thereby produce the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 2.

9. (withdrawn): The process for stabilizing a (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 8 wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is a high purity (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate which is prepared by decreasing the amount of hydrolyzable chlorine with purification.

10. (withdrawn): The process for stabilizing a (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 9 wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is prepared by using phosgene.

11. (withdrawn): The process for stabilizing a (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to any one of claims 8 to 10 wherein the acidic gas is carbon dioxide.

12. (withdrawn): The process for stabilizing a (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to any one of claims 8 to 10 wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is (meth)acryloyloxyethyl isocyanate.

13. (withdrawn-currently amended): A process for preparing a stabilized (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate, which process comprises forcedly dissolving an acidic gas (excluding hydrogen chloride) in a (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate to produce the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 2.

14. (withdrawn): The process for preparing a stabilized (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 13, wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is a high purity

(meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate prepared by decreasing the amount of hydrolyzable chlorine with purification.

15. (withdrawn): The process for preparing a stabilized (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate according to claim 14, wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is prepared by using phosgene.

16. (withdrawn): The process for preparing a stabilized (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate, according to any one of claims 13 to 15 wherein the acidic gas is carbon dioxide.

17. (withdrawn): The process for preparing a stabilized (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate, according to any one of claims 13 to 15 wherein the (meth)acryloyloxyalkyl isocyanate is (meth)acryloyloxyethyl isocyanate.